

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HAJIME SEKIGUCHI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Sir:

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JP '027, JP '966, JP '889 and JP '009 are discussed at page 7 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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